

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Chiarelli, et al.

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For: CONTROLLED AND CONTINUED DELIVERY OF

RIFAXIMIN AND/OR OTHER SUBSTANCES

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the following Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement in response to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2008.

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